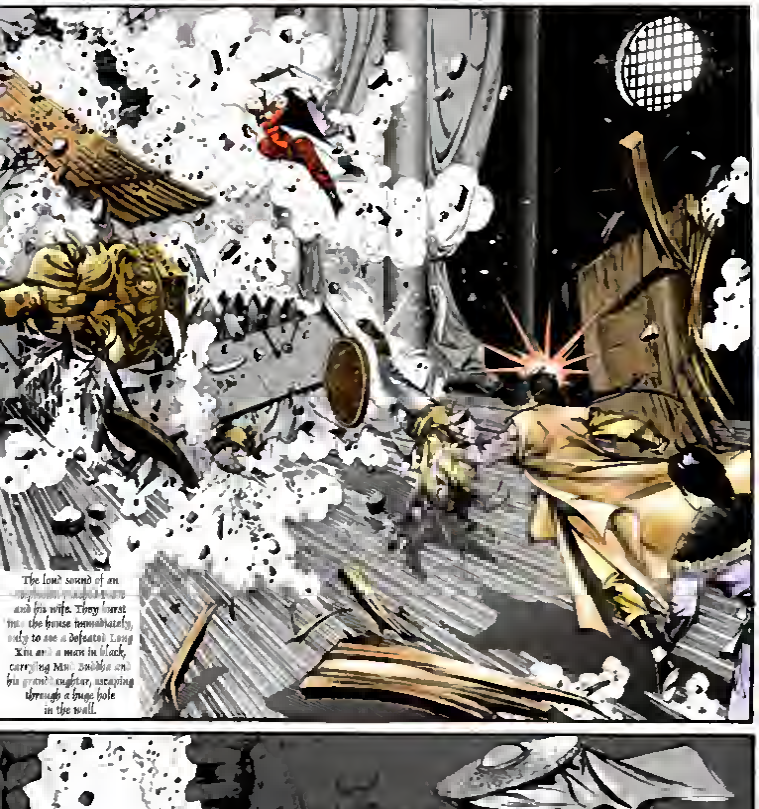
CHAPTER 11
THE ROOT OF BOTH
SUCCESS AND FAILURE
LIES IN WIND AND CLOUD

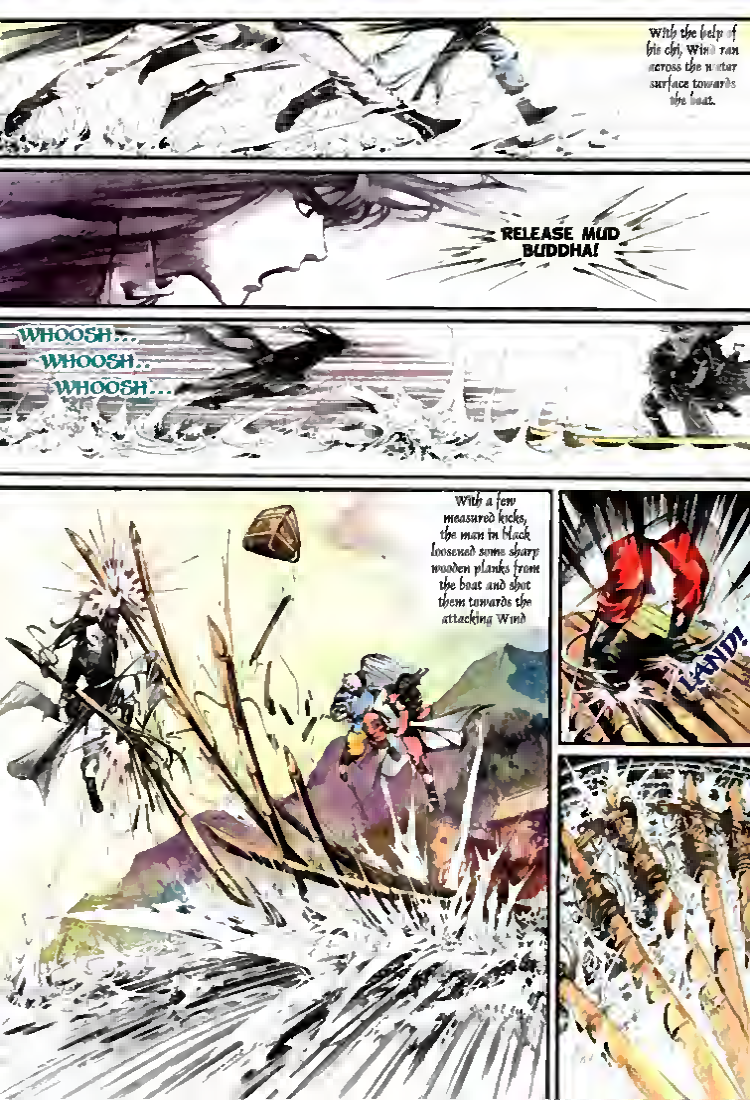

The loud sound of an explosion startled Long Xiu and his wife. They burst into the house immediately, only to see a defeated Long Xiu and a man in black, carrying Mrs. Zhibbo and his grandchildren, escaping through a huge hole in the wall.

KICK!

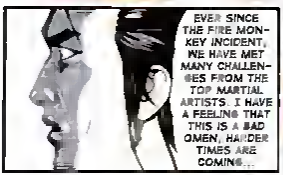
WHOOSH!
LEAP!

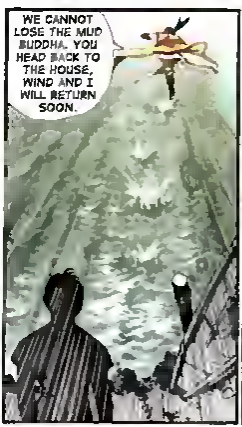
WIND!
Frost looked up a loose brick for Wind to use as a landing point for his next leap towards the boat.
WE MUST NOT LET HIM HAVE MUD BUDDHA!
KICK!

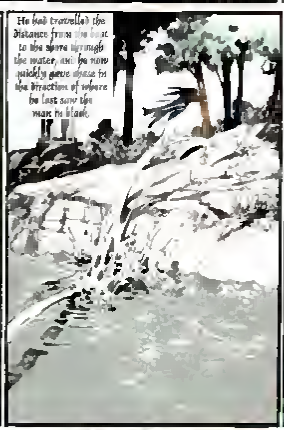
In one big leap, Wind landed in front of the boat, blocking its path

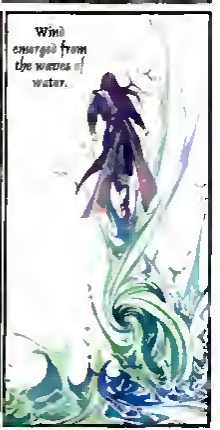

With the help of his chi, Wind ran across the water surface towards the boat.
RELEASE MUD BUDDHA!
WHOOSH...
WHOOSH...
WHOOSH...
With a few measured kicks, the man in black loosened some sharp wooden planks from the boat and shot them towards the attacking Wind
KAHH!!

The sharp wooden planks were dangerous but nothing was too difficult for Wind's quick body movements. He avoided them easily, like a fish swimming through water.
Suddenly, numerous flying birds emerged from a cave basket on the boat. The man in black borrowed the flight power of the birds to fly across the water and onto the shore. This is a highly skillful move. Wind stood watching in disbelief


EVER SINCE THE FIRE MONKEY INCIDENT, WE HAVE MET MANY CHALLENGES FROM THE TOP MARTIAL ARTISTS. I HAVE A FEELING THAT THIS IS A BAD OMEN. HARDER TIMES ARE COMING...

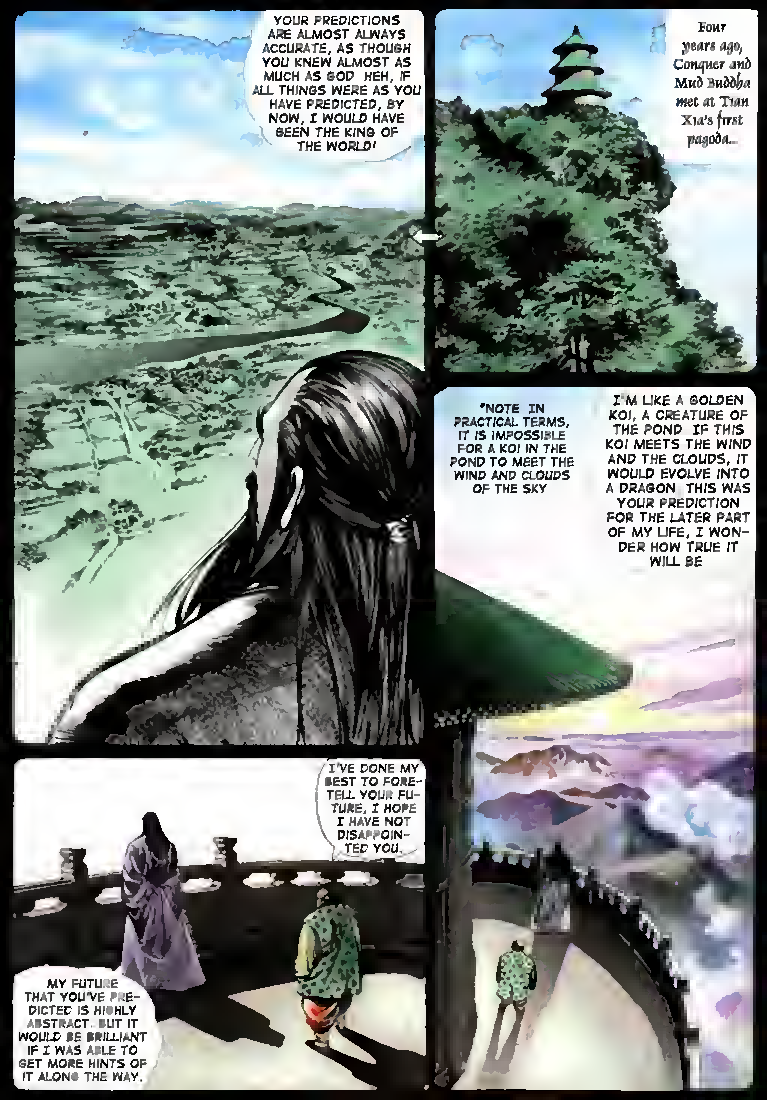



He had travelled the distance from the boat to the shore through the water, and he now quickly gave chase in the direction of where he last saw the man in black.



At the house, Long Xin walks out, leaving hurriedly on Feng Wu.

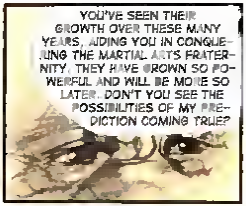
WHY WOULD A BIG SHOT LIKE TIAN XIA SECT'S CHIEF NEED TO EXERT VIOLENCE ON THE WEAK AND YOUNG?
GRAND DAUGHTER!
AHH!
AAH... I KNEW THIS DAY WOULD COME!
Conquer
AH, YOU KNOW WHO I AM! NO WONDER YOU ARE CALLED MUD BUDDHA I'VE BEEN SEARCHING FOR YOU FOR THE PAST FOUR YEARS. YOU CANNOT ESCAPE THIS TIME!


YOUR PREDICTIONS ARE ALMOST ALWAYS ACCURATE, AS THOUGH YOU KNEW ALMOST AS MUCH AS GOD. HEH, IF ALL THINGS WERE AS YOU HAVE PREDICTED, BY NOW, I WOULD HAVE BEEN THE KING OF THE WORLD!
Four years ago, Conquer and Mud Buddha met at Tian Xia's first pagoda...
*NOTE IN PRACTICAL TERMS, IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR A KOI IN THE POND TO MEET THE WIND AND CLOUDS OF THE SKY
I'M LIKE A GOLDEN KOI, A CREATURE OF THE POND. IF THIS KOI MEETS THE WIND AND THE CLOUDS, IT WOULD EVOLVE INTO A DRAGON. THIS WAS YOUR PREDICTION FOR THE LATER PART OF MY LIFE, I WONDER HOW TRUE IT WILL BE
I'VE DONE MY BEST TO FORETELL YOUR FUTURE. I HOPE I HAVE NOT DISAPPOINTED YOU.
MY FUTURE THAT YOU'VE PREDICTED IS HIGHLY ABSTRACT. BUT IT WOULD BE BRILLIANT IF I WAS ABLE TO GET MORE HINTS OF IT ALONG THE WAY.

THERE IS STILL HEAVEN THAT I WANT TO REACH, AND IN ORDER TO RULE THE WORLD I NEED TO KNOW MY FUTURE I WANT TO ENSURE THAT EVERY STEP I TAKE WILL BE A SUCCESS-FUL ONE!
CHIEF YOU ARE ALREADY LEADING A LIFE FULL OF ACHIEVEMENTS NOTHING WILL GO WRONG IF YOU CONTINUE ON THIS PATH WHY WOULD YOU DESIRE ANYTHING MORE?
PLEASE DON'T HARM MY GRAND DAUGH-TER
GRAND DAUGH-TER
CONQUER'S SERVANT, WEN CHOU CHOU
HNG, I WON'T HARM YOUR GRAND DAUGHTER, AS LONG AS YOU PROVIDE ME WITH ONE MORE PRE-DICTION

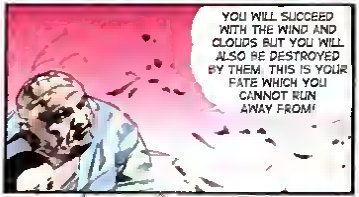
Three days later, Mad Buddha did not appear. Instead, he sent a messenger with a note.
SPOKEN LIKE A GENTLEMAN! I SHALL TRUST YOUR WORD!
ALRIGHT, BUT MY HEAD IS NOT TOO CLEAR TODAY. I WILL BE BACK IN THREE DAYS.
The root of both success and failure lies in Wind and Cloud.
THE COMBINATION OF WIND AND CLOUD WILL DESTROY YOU!!
You will succeed with the wind and clouds but you will also be destroyed by them.
YOUR PREDICTION CLAIMS THAT I WILL BE CONTROLLED BY THE WIND AND CLOUDS IN THE LATER PART OF MY LIFE. DO THESE WIND AND CLOUDS REFER TO MY TWO DISCIPLES?
I AM HERE TODAY TO PROVE TO YOU THAT YOUR PREDICTION IS INCORRECT!

WHAT... WHAT CAN I DO ABOUT THAT?
That one sentence hit directly at the insecurities Conquer felt.


YOU'VE SEEN THEIR GROWTH OVER THESE MANY YEARS, AIDING YOU IN CONQUERING THE MARTIAL ARTS FRATERNITY. THEY HAVE GROWN SO POWERFUL AND WILL BE MORE SO LATER. DON'T YOU SEE THE POSSIBILITIES OF MY PREDICTION COMING TRUE?

I FORETELL THAT IT IS YOUR FATE TO BE OVERTHROWN BY WIND AND CLOUD. THERE IS NO WAY FOR YOU TO AVOID THAT.

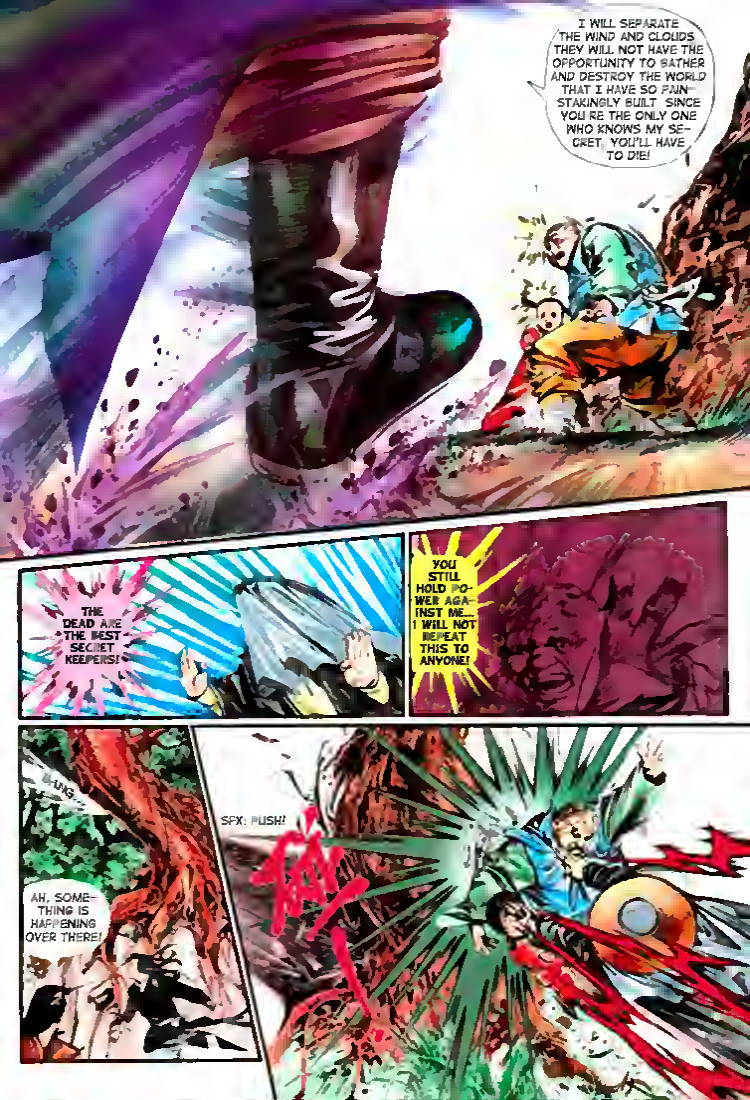
FROM WHAT I SEE, YOU HAVE BEEN WORRYING ABOUT THIS MATTER FOR LONG. I AM SURE YOU HAVE TRIED TO LIMIT THE DEVELOPMENT OF WIND AND CLOUD'S ABILITIES BUT YOU HAVEN'T YET SUCCEEDED, HAVE YOU?

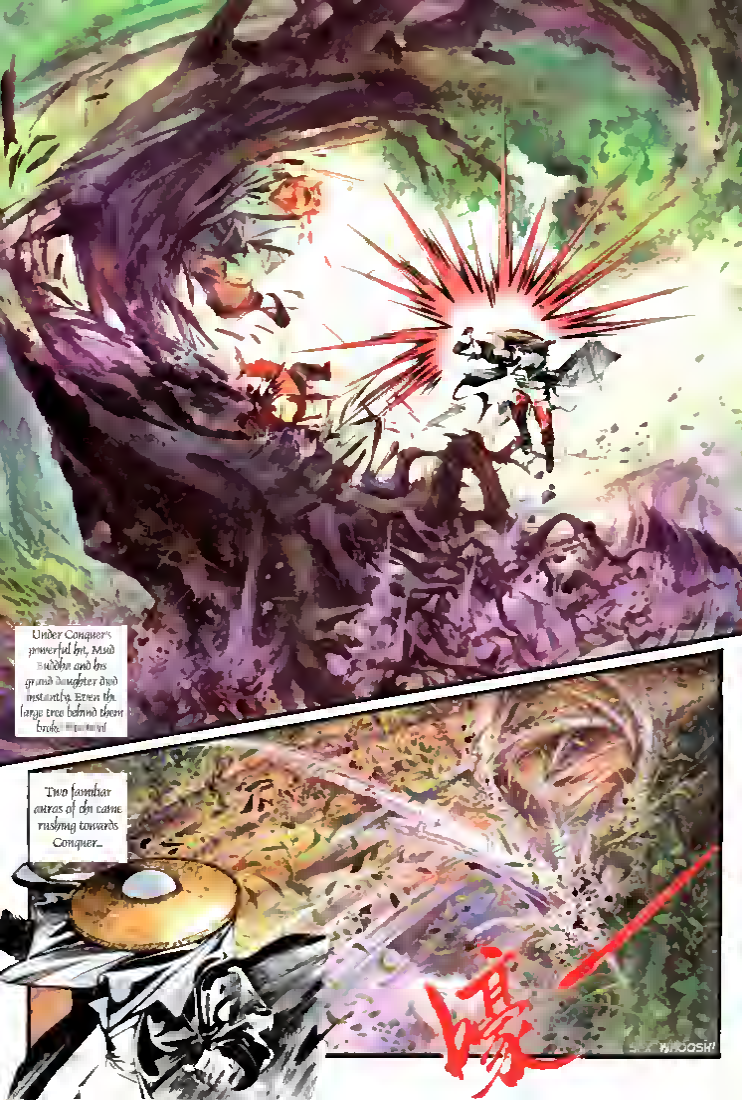

YOU WILL SUCCEED WITH THE WIND AND CLOUDS BUT YOU WILL ALSO BE DESTROYED BY THEM. THIS IS YOUR FATE WHICH YOU CANNOT RUN AWAY FROM!

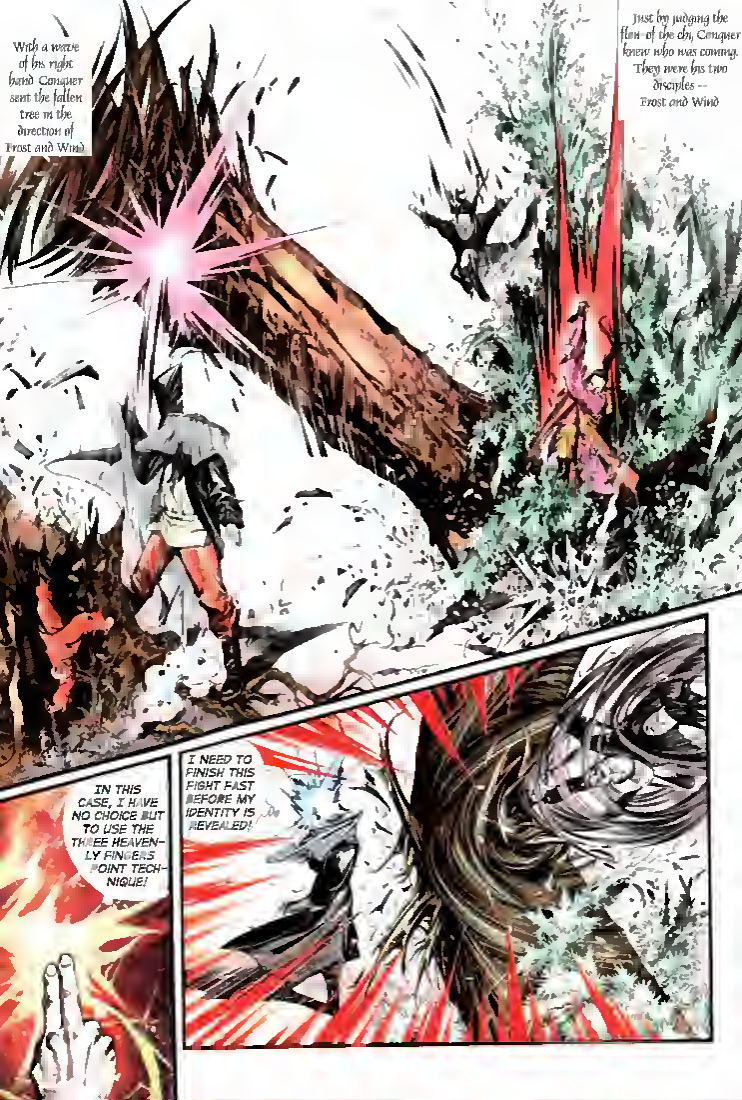
IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO DEFY THE FATE SET BY GOD!

I HOLD THE POWER TO MY FUTURE. I WILL CHANGE FATE!

I DON'T Believe IN FATE!

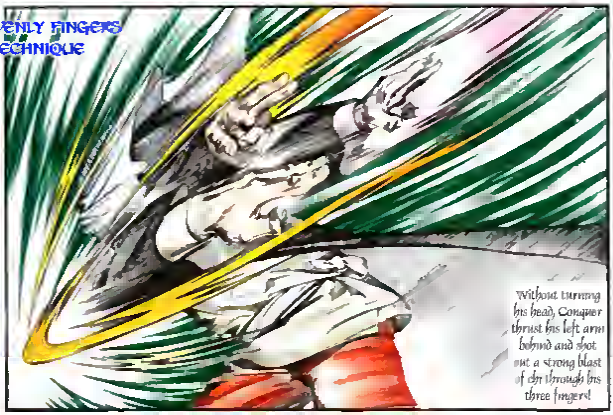

I WILL SEPARATE THE WIND AND CLOUDS THEY WILL NOT HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO GATHER AND DESTROY THE WORLD THAT I HAVE SO PAINSTAKINGLY BUILT. SINCE YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO KNOWS MY SECRET, YOU'LL HAVE TO DIE!
THE DEAD ARE THE BEST SECRET KEEPERS!
YOU STILL HOLD POWER AGAINST ME... I WILL NOT REPEAT THIS TO ANYONE!
SFX: PUSH!
AH, SOMETHING IS HAPPENING OVER THERE!

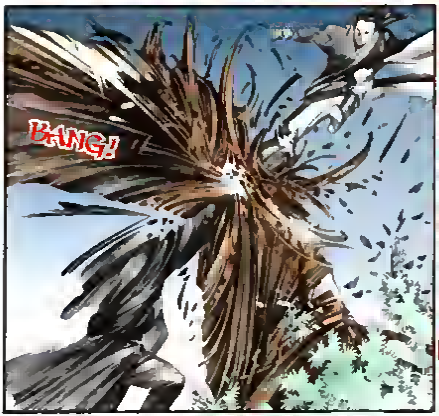

Under Conquer's powerful fist, Mad Buddha and his grandaughter died instantly. Even the large tree behind them broke.
Two familiar auras of chi came rushing towards Conquer..
WHOOSH!

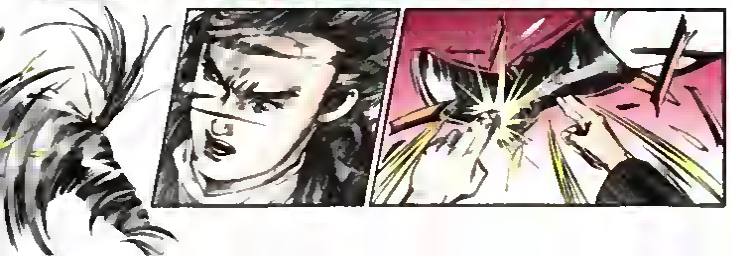

With a wave of his right hand Conqueror sent the fallen tree in the direction of Frost and Wind
Just by judging the flow of the chi, Conqueror knew who was coming. They were his two disciples -- Frost and Wind
IN THIS CASE, I HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO USE THE THREE HEAVENLY FINGERS POINT TECHNIQUE!
I NEED TO FINISH THIS FIGHT FAST BEFORE MY IDENTITY IS REVEALED!

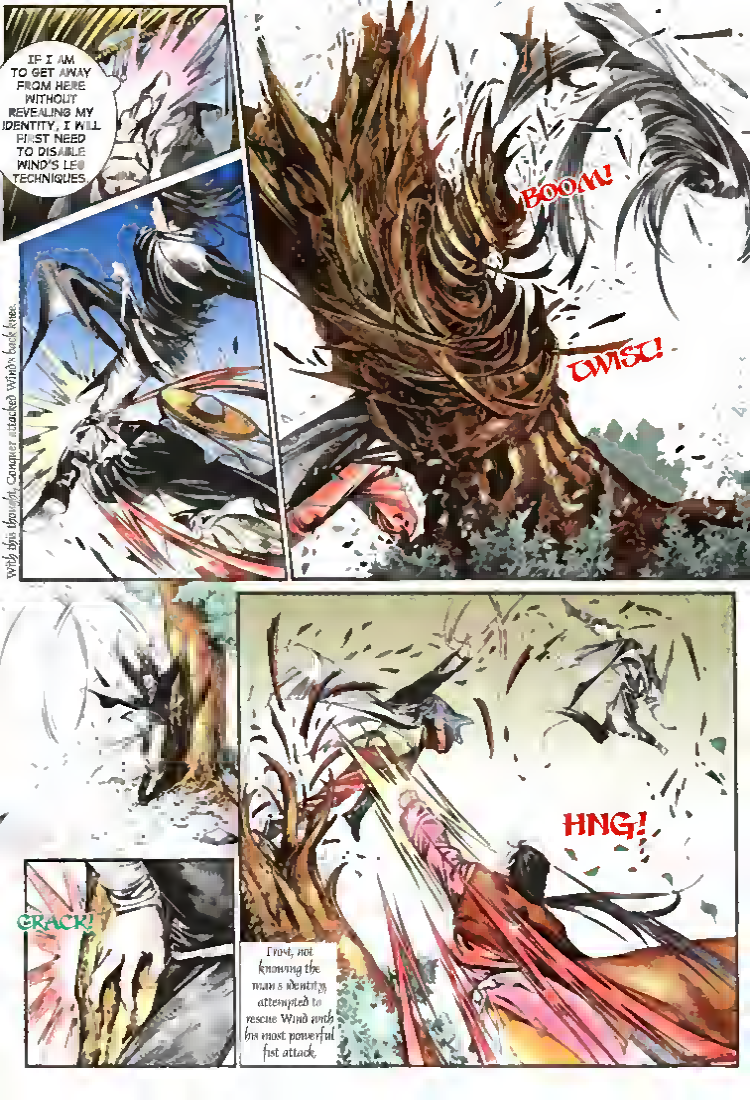
THREE HEAVENLY FINGERS POINT TECHNIQUE

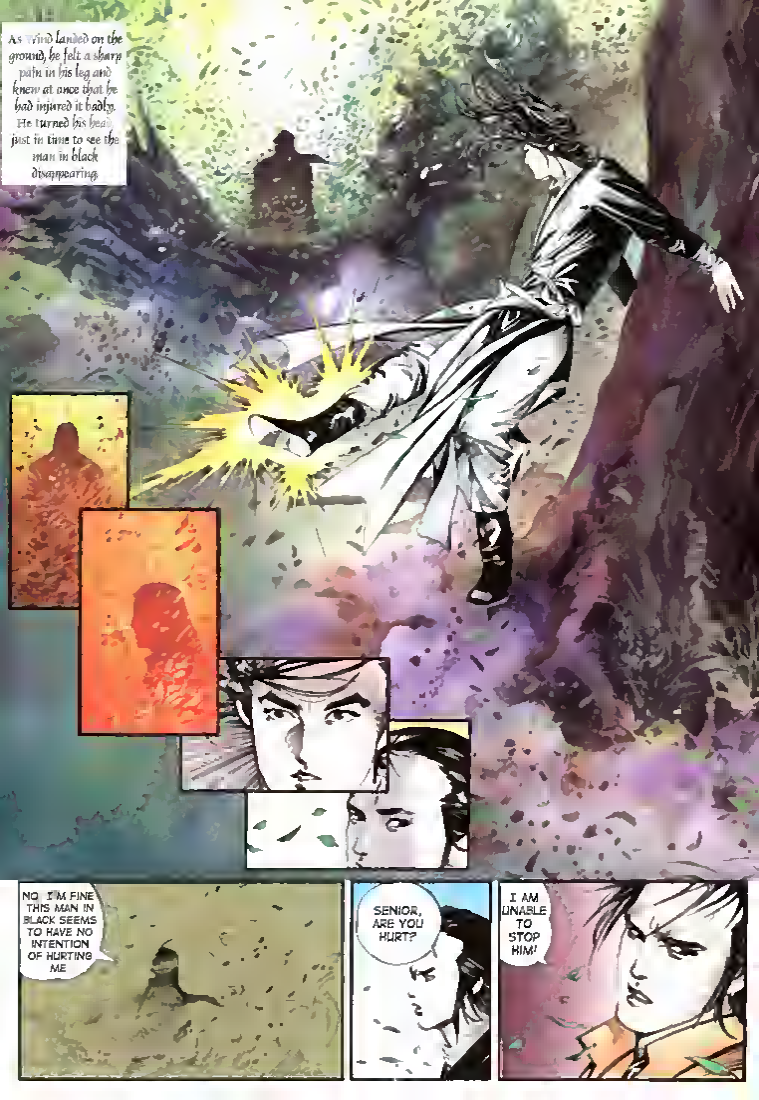
Conquer was full of insecurity and fear that one day, someone's martial art skills would better his. Hence, despite having three disciples, he never taught them all that he knew. The Three Heavenly Fingers Point Technique was the combination of the foundation work of his Fist, Palm and Leg techniques. This finger point technique was the highest level of them all



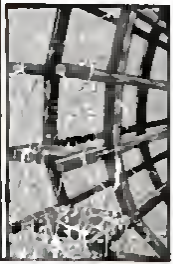




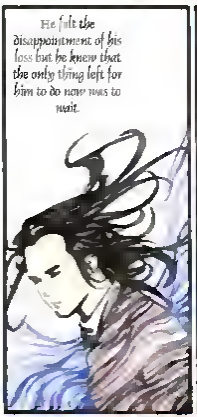

IF I AM TO GET AWAY FROM HERE WITHOUT REVEALING MY IDENTITY, I WILL FIRST NEED TO DISABLE WIND'S LEG TECHNIQUES
With this downfall, Conquer attacked Wind's back knee.
BOOM!
UWSC!
HNG!
CRACK!
Frost, not knowing the man's identity, attempted to rescue Wind with his most powerful fist attack.


As Wind landed on the ground, he felt a sharp pain in his leg and knew at once that he had injured it badly. He turned his head just in time to see the man in black disappearing
NO, I'M FINE THIS MAN IN BLACK SEEMS TO HAVE NO INTENTION OF HURTING ME
SENIOR, ARE YOU HURT?
I AM UNABLE TO STOP HIM!

WHAT KIND OF TECHNIQUE DID HE USE? HE SEEMED TO KNOW OUR TECHNIQUES INSIDE OUT
SENIOR! I HAVE A PERSONAL MATTER TO LOOK INTO AT THE WATER HOUSES. PLEASE RETURN TO THE HOUSE FIRST, I WILL JOIN YOU LATER!
THIS MAN IS NO LESS POWERFUL THAN US. IT IS NOT WORTH CHASING HIM!
I'VE WAITED SO MANY YEARS FOR THIS, I CANNOT LET IT GO WRONG TODAY!
SENIOR, DO NOT WORRY, I NEED TO SETTLE THIS MATTER ALONE.
YOUR LEG IS BADLY INJURED I SHALL ACCOMPANY YOU TO THE WATER HOUSES?
I WONDER WHAT PERSONAL MATTER IT IS?
AH, WIND HAS AN URGENT MATTER NO WONDER HE WAS HALF-HEARTED IN OUR CHASE FOR THE MAN IN BLACK

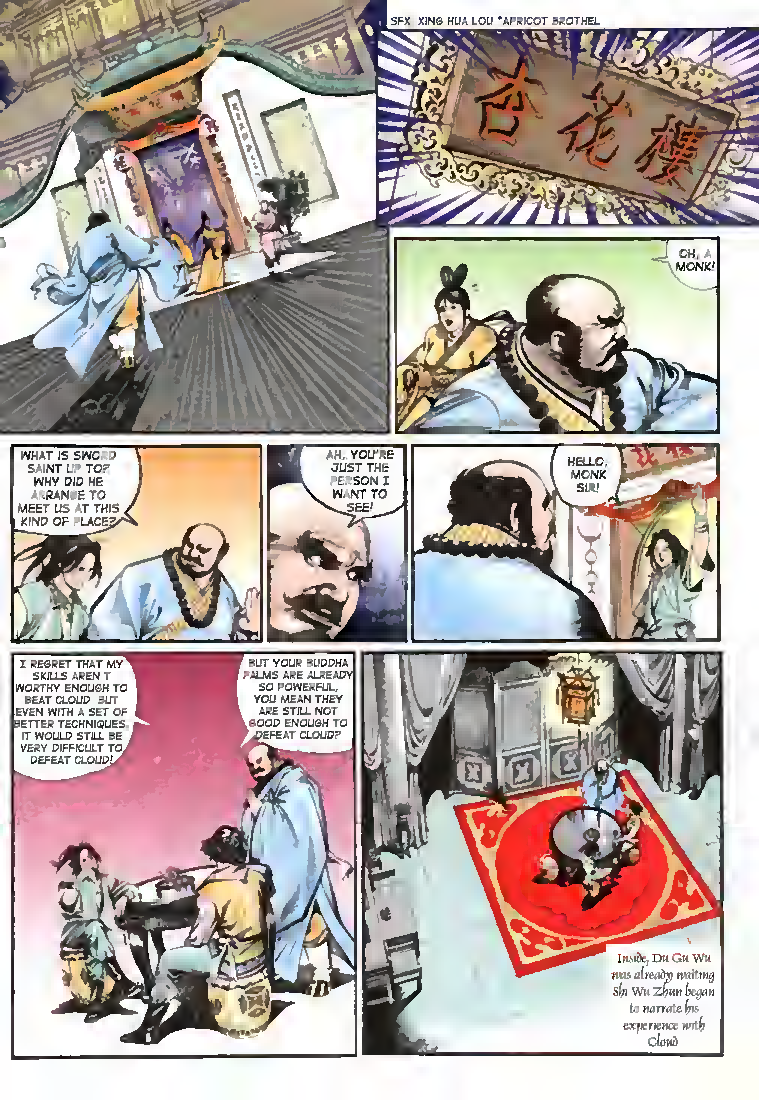


He felt the disappointment of his loss but he knew that the only thing left for him to do now was to wait.

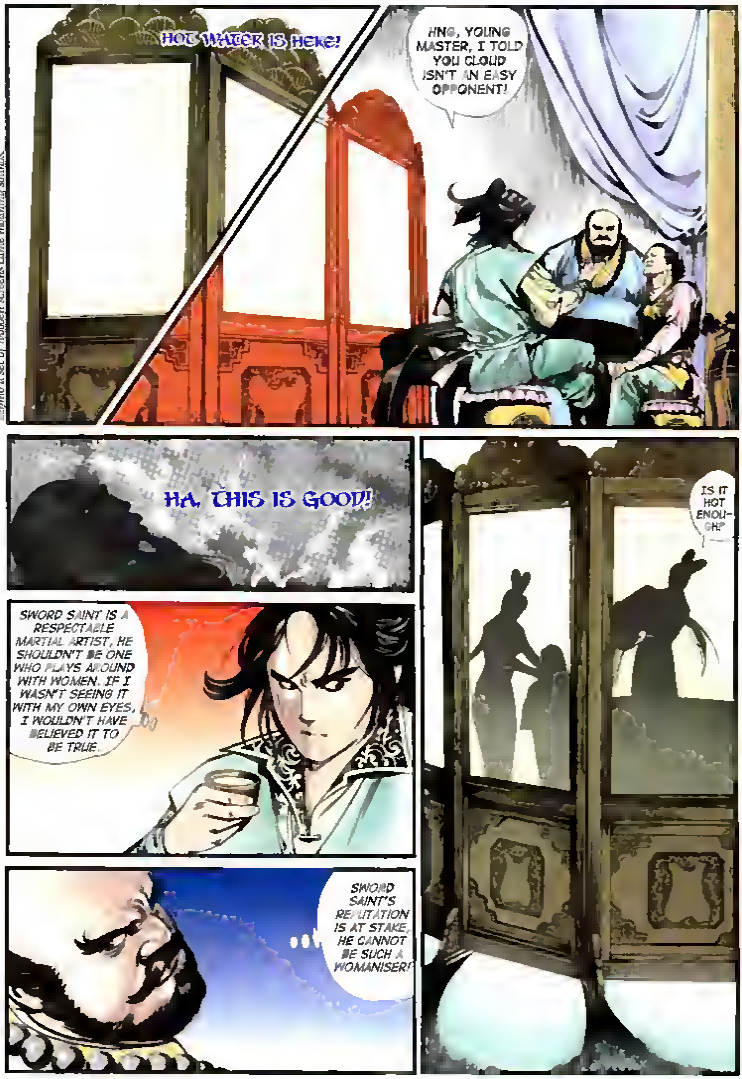


THERE ARE JUST TOO MANY OF THEM, WE'LL WAIT FOR WIND TO RETURN AND THEN WE'LL MAKE OUR WAY BACK. WE'LL DECIDE ON WHAT TO DO AFTER CONSULTING MASTER.
FROST... ARE YOU FRUSTRATED AND WORRIED BECAUSE OF THE MANY TOP CLASS MARTIAL ARTISTS WHO HAVE BEEN CAUSING US TROUBLE?
YOU GO AHEAD AND REST FIRST, I WISH TO BE LEFT HERE ALONE FOR A WHILE.
HAHA, I'VE BEEN IN THIS MARTIAL ARTS ARENA FOR SO LONG AND I'VE SEEN MANY THINGS. BUT I NEVER EXPECTED TO HAVE SUCH A YOUNG, TALENTED AND CAPABLE DISCIPLE!

I DON'T DESERVE THIS PIECE OF JADE!
YOUR DISCIPLE IS NOT GOOD ENOUGH, I FAILED YOU!
MASTER...
KEEP IT UP, FROST. CONTINUE TO GLORIFY OUR SECT. I WILL GIVE YOU THIS PIECE OF JADE AS A TOKEN FOR YOUR GOOD WORK!


SFX: XING HUA LOU *APRICOT BROTHEL
杏花樓
OH, A MONK!
WHAT IS SWORD SAINT LIU TOO WHY DID HE ARRANGE TO MEET US AT THIS KIND OF PLACE?
AH, YOU'RE JUST THE PERSON I WANT TO SEE!
HELLO, MONK SIR!
I REGRET THAT MY SKILLS AREN'T WORTHY ENOUGH TO BEAT CLOUD. BUT EVEN WITH A SET OF BETTER TECHNIQUES, IT WOULD STILL BE VERY DIFFICULT TO DEFEAT CLOUD!
BUT YOUR BUDDHA PALMS ARE ALREADY SO POWERFUL. YOU MEAN THEY ARE STILL NOT GOOD ENOUGH TO DEFEAT CLOUD?
Inside, Du Gu Wu was already waiting. Shi Wu Zhan began to narrate his experience with Cloud.

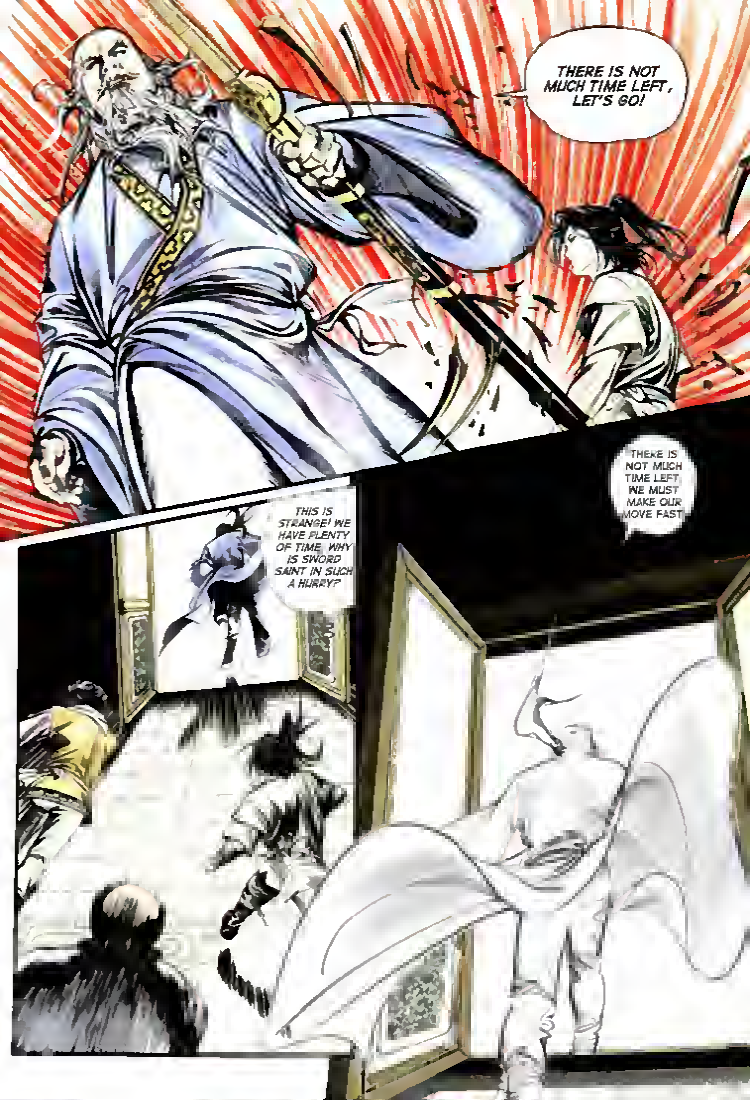
Beyond a set of wooden screens came revealing sounds.

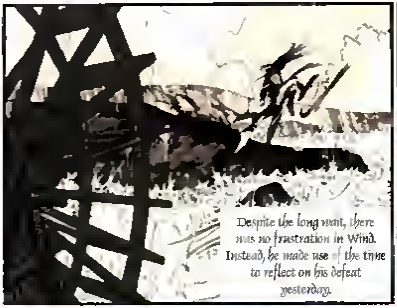

HOT WATER IS HERE!
HNG, YOUNG MASTER, I TOLD YOU CLOUD ISN'T AN EASY OPPONENT!
HA, THIS IS GOOD!
SWORD SAINT IS A RESPECTABLE MARTIAL ARTIST, HE SHOULDN'T BE ONE WHO PLAYS AROUND WITH WOMEN. IF I WASN'T SEEING IT WITH MY OWN EYES, I WOULDN'T HAVE BELIEVED IT TO BE TRUE.
SWORD SAINT'S REPUTATION IS AT STAKE. HE CANNOT BE SUCH A WOMANISER!
IS IT HOT ENOU-GH?

HNG. WIND AGAIN. IT IS UNFORTUNATE THAT I HAVE YET TO FULLY MASTER MY TRIUMPH CARD TECHNIQUE. IF NOT, I WOULD HAVE HIM KILLED FIRST!
AMONGST THE THREE OF US, THE ONE MOST CONFIDENT OF SUCCESS IS ME DEFEATING FROST BUT RECENTLY, FROST IS OFTEN IN THE COMPANY OF WIND, MAKING IT VERY DIFFICULT FOR ME TO ATTACK HIM
WE HAVE ALREADY TESTED THE SKILLS OF TWO OUT OF THE THREE BRANCH HEADS OF THE TIAN XIA SECT. WE ALL HAVE A NOTION OF WHERE THEY STAND IN TERMS OF THEIR FIGHTING SKILLS. NOW, IT IS TIME FOR US TO MOVE IN FOR THE KILL!
OF THE THREE BRANCH HEADS, CLOUD IS THE MOST POWERFUL. THE GOOD THING IS THAT HE LARGELY OPERATES ALONE, MAKING HIM A PERFECT TARGET!
THAT IS TRUE, BUT WITH CLOUD'S GREATER AND BETTER SKILLS, WE MUST MAKE PREPARATIONS ON OUR PART IN ORDER TO DEFEAT HIM!
HEH, CLOUD IS JUST A WILD AND SMALL FRY. WE DON'T NEED TO TROUBLE MY UNCLE!
I, WAVE, HAVE A REQUEST. I HOPE THAT SWORD SAINT WILL LEND US HIS POWER IN THIS ATTEMPT TO DESTROY THE TIAN XIA SECT!

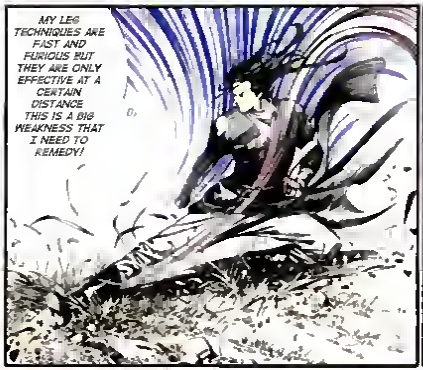
GLASS SHATTERS!
SCRAM!
AH, YOU... WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO DO? NO, PLEASE DON'T...
WE CANNOT LET THESE FEW LADIES KNOW OF OUR PLANS!
THAT IS BRILLIANT SWORD SAINT!
IN ORDER TO DESTROY THE TIAN XIA SECT, HAVING ME KILL CLOUD IS NOT A PROBLEM!

I MUST DEFEAT TIAN XIA SECT WITHIN SIX MONTHS AND RE-ESTABLISH THE INVINCIBLE FORT SECT!

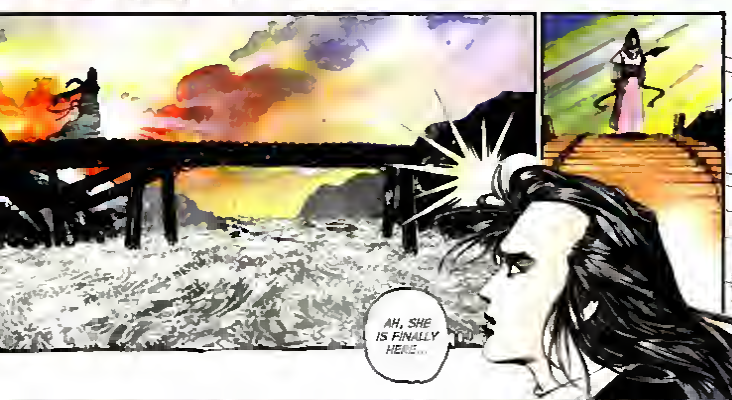

THERE IS NOT MUCH TIME LEFT, LET'S GO!
THERE IS NOT MUCH TIME LEFT, WE MUST MAKE OUR MOVE FAST!
THIS IS STRANGE! WE HAVE PLENTY OF TIME, WHY IS SWORD SAINT IN SUCH A HURRY?


Despite the long wait, there was no frustration in Wind. Instead, he made use of the time to reflect on his defeat yesterday.

As night approached, the injury in Wind's leg had begun to heal itself.


MY LEG TECHNIQUES ARE FAST AND FURIOUS BUT THEY ARE ONLY EFFECTIVE AT A CERTAIN DISTANCE. THIS IS A BIG WEAKNESS THAT I NEED TO REMEDY!

The loss yesterday gave Wind a lot of inspiration to improve his own leg technique.


AH, SHE IS FINALLY HERE...
As the sun rose, a female figure appeared on the horizon.

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